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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATION: POLITICAL DIRECTORS

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MEETING, ROME, NOVEMBER 13-14, 1975

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SUMMARY: POLITICAL DIRECTORS, MEETING IN ROME NOVEMBER 13-14, PRODUCED SOME MOVEMENT, WITHOUT MUCH APPARENT PROGRESS. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING REF MEETING MFA WAS UNABLE TO ORGANIZE SINGLE-SOURCE BRIEFING FOR US. FOLLOWING, THEREFORE, IS BASED ON WHAT WE HAVE GLEANED TO DATE WITH VARIOUS CONCERNED OFFICE DIRECTORS, AND MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED AS WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THEIR SUPERIORS.

2. CYPRUS. SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSION OF DENKTASH MOVE TO ADDRESS UNGA PLENARY LED TO DECISION NOVEMBER 13 THAT DENKTASH SHOULD BE ADVISED IN NEW YORK THAT POLDIR'S CONSIDERED HIS INITIATIVE DESTABILIZING AND THAT, IF HE PUSHED IT, NINE WERE INCLINED TO VOTE AGAINST. ON MORE POSITIVE SIDE, POLDIR'S DECIDED TO SEND A PRESIDENCY OFFICER (GOI MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FRANCHETTI PARDO - BALKANS) TO NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY TO ATTEMPT TO PRODUCTION OF NEW RESA , AMENDMENT OR MELDING OF EXISITNG CYPRUS RESOLUTIONS, IN SEARCH OF LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL SIDES. ACCORDING MFA THIS EFFORT WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE PARTICULAR IMPACT SINCE IT INVOLVES A SPECIAL REP OF THE NINE ON THE SPOT IN NEW YORK. POLDIR'S ALSO AGAIN DISCUSSED HUMANITARIAN AID, INCLUDING WHETHER SUCH EC ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE RUN THROUGH COMMUNITY CHANNELS OR THROUGH THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE SIDE. DAVIGNON PLONKED FOR THE POLITICAL SIDE, SAYING THAT COREPER HAD A TRADITION OF EXTENDING FOOD AID ONLY, WHICH MIGHT WELL BE TOO NARROW A RESTRAINT IN REGARD TO ONCOMING WINTER IN CYPRUS. PRESIDENCY WAS INSTRUCTED TO GATHER INFORMATION AS TO NEEDS, TO SUBMIT REPORT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WILL CONSIDER IT IN THE LIGHT OF DAVIGNON'S CONCERN.

3. MID-EAST: LEBANON. FRENCH DESCRIBED THEIR UPCOMING BILATERAL EFFORT IN LEBANON, MUCH ALONG LINES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BY EMBASSY PARIS. FRENCH REP WAS RELUCTANT TO NAME COUVE AS EMISSARY SINCE "IT HASN'T BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED." CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMENT: WE GATHER THAT, DESPITE FRENCH TIES WITH LEBANON AND PRIOR MINISTERIAL SANCTION FOR A "FRENCH ROLE" IN CURRENT LEBANESE PROBLEMS, THERE WAS SOME ADVERSE FEELING AMONG THE NINE ABOUT THIS BILATERAL INITIATIVE.

4. MID-EAST: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. PRESIDENCY REPORTED AMB. REGARD MISSION TO CAIRO (PER ROME 16321), WITH AN ELABORATION. ARAB LEAGUE SECGEN RIAD HAD LAID GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE SUCCESS

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OF THE 22-27 NOVEMBER DIALOGUE SESSION AT EXPERT LEVEL IN ABU DHABI. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THAT MEETING SHOW SIGNIFICANT, CONCRETE PROGRESS ON AT LEAST SOME PROJECTS SO THAT THE DIALOGUE CAN BE SEEN AS A SERIOUS PROPOSITION. SO ANXIOUS WAS HE NOT TO DISRUPT THE ABU DHABI SESSION, THAT HE SUGGESTED NOT PUTTING THE EURO SUGGESTION (OF A GENERAL COMMISSION LEVEL MEETING WITH THE DUBLIN) TO THE LEAGUE, AGREEING INSTEAD TO A SIMPLE FORMULA THAT THE GENERAL COMMISSION PROBLEM WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF CONTACTS FOLLOWING ABU DHABI. RIAD SAID THE PLO ISSUE IS NOW SO SENSITIVE THAT INTRODUCTION OF THE DUBLIN FORMULA MIGHT MEAN THAT "WE WON'T GET TO ABU DHABI AT ALL."

5. MIDDLE EAST: THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE. IN THE CONTEXTS OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AND GENERAL DEBATE ON THE MID-EAST, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WRESTLED WITH THE PALESTINIAN/PLO PROBLEM, AND CAME TO NO DECISIONS. AS TO THE DIALOGUE, FRANCE AND LUXEMBOURG FAVOR PLO PARTICIPATION, BELGIUM FAINTLY SO, ITALY "WILLING IF THE OTHERS ARE," AND EVERYBODY ESLE STAUNCHLY OPPOSED. DIRECTORS LAMENTED THE LACK OF A UNIFIED NINE POSITION ON RELATED ISSUES AT UN. FRANCE TOOK SOME LICKS, PARTICULARLY "AT DINNER FROM A LYRICAL DAVIGNON" FOR PLAYING ODD-MAN-OUT, PARTICULARLY ON THE ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE. NINE AGREED THAT THEIR EXPERTS SHOULD STUDY "WHERE WE GO NEXT" IN REGARD TO ME, PRIOR TO END OF CURRENT UNGA SESSION.

6. KOREA. DIRECTORS' INSTRUCTIONS TO NEW YORK WERE SIMPLE: TRY TO AVOID TWO CONCURRENT AND CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO REACH ANY FIRST-HAND SOURCE ON KOREA, AND MAY HAVE MORE TO REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY.

7. LIAISON WITH COUNCIL OF EUROPE. DIRECTORS AGREED ON A PAPER WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A TWICE-YEARLY "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" WITH COUNCIL OF EUROPE, WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL MIGHT LATER BE CONFIDENTIAL

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DONE MORE FREQUENTLY. RATIONALE IS THAT SUCH "EXCHANGES" (NOT "CONSULTATIONS") WOULD BE HEALTHY VIS-A-VIS THE "OTHER NINE" IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. SOME STATES THAT NOW FEEL RATHER ON THE FRINGES WOULD BE BROUGHT CLOSER TO THE "POLITICAL CENTER" OF EUROPE, E.G. MALTA, CYPRUS, SWEDEN AND AUSTRIA. DURING SUCH EXCHANGES STATES WILL SPEAK ON THEIR OWN BEHALF AND NOT AS MEMBERS OF THE NINE OR OF THE COUNCIL.

8. OTHER. THE BRITISH REVIEWED THE BELIZE PROBLEM, AND REPORTED ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO THE UK. THE FRENCH ALSO REPORTED ON SADAT'S VISIT TO FRANCE. THE DIRECTORS WERE "WORRIED" ABOUT THE AMERICAN LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO, AND AGREED TO KEEP THE PROBLEM UNDER REVIEW.

9. AFRICA: ANGOLA. DIRECTORS' VIEWPOINT ON RECOGNITION RE-

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PORTEDLY UNANIMOUSLY CONGRUENT WITH USG'S. FRG REPORTED THAT IT IS UNDER SOME SUBTLE PRESSURE FROM MPLA FOR RECOGNITION. MPLA HAS NOTED TO FRG THAT GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL REMAINS OPERATIVE IN LUANDA. MPLA WONDERS IF THIS IMPLIES FRG RECOGNITION. IF SO, MPLA ASSUMES FRG WILL SOON SO ANNOUNCE. IF NOT, MPLA ASSUMES THAT FRG WILL DECIDE TO REMOVE ITS CONSUL GENERAL. OTHER DIRECTORS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES (NO OTHER MEMBER OF NINE HAS OTHER THAN LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN WHAT CONSULAR OFFICES REMAIN OPEN), THEY WOULD CLOSE SHOP.

10. AFRICA: NAMIBIA. NINE ARE MOVING TOWARD A JOINT DEMARCHE IN PRETORIA, SUPPORTIVE OF THE US/UK/FRG DEMARCH OF OCTOBER 23. WILL HEW CLOSELY TO LINE OF TRIPARTITE.

1. MBFR. TAKEN UP IN A RESTRICTED SESSION (DIRECTOR PLUS ONE). NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE SO FAR.

12. NOT DISCUSSED: SPAIN, PORTUGAL, CSCE. BEAUDRY

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